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"With reference to the second part of my hon. Friend's question, my answer is that in the report sent by the District Forest Officer he says that there were no long conversations. There were two conversations, one at about 1 p.m. and the other in the evening and there was nothing particular in those conversations. They were only ordinary conversations."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know whether the first conversation did not last for 15 minutes and the second for 30 minutes?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"No."

Shooting of a rogue elephant in Puttur taluk.

624 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(a) to place on the table of this House the communication L. Dis. C. No. 1887/Sub. 28, dated 29th May 1928, of the President, Puttur Taluk Board, in regard to the shooting of a rogue elephant and the reply communication of the District Forest Officer concerned to the former; and

(b) to state what objections the Government have to take immediate steps themselves and have the animal shot at their own expense?

A.—(a) The papers[a] are placed on the table.

(b) No special Government establishment is maintained for the destruction of rogue elephants. The declaration of a wild elephant as a rogue is usually sufficient to attract sportsmen.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"In view of the fact that this elephant has been out at large for over two years, do the Government consider that simply notifying it is enough?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"The District Forest Officer has also suggested to the Collector the need for granting a special permit to a very good shikari, one Kalleri Ramachandra Ayyar, to go and shoot even in the reserved forest."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Any reward, Sir?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"As a matter of fact, the tusks in such cases are given, if applied for."

Education

Establishment of vocational schools.

625 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any vocational schools have been established during 1927–28; and

(b) whether any and, if so, what steps have been taken by Government for the spread of vocational education during 1927–28?

a Printed as Appendix IV on pages 119–120 infra.